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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Wilmette supports the rights of every individual to experience equality of treatment and values our diverse population of residents, businesses, and visitors, recognizing that this diversity is one of this community's greatest strengths; and,

**WHEREAS**, September 15 to October 15 is annually celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month to commemorate various Latin American Independence Days and honor the Hispanic community's long-term presence and effort for equality across our nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme of Hispanic Heritage Month is, *Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America*. The theme focuses on prosperity, power, and progress, recognizing the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the United States.

**WHEREAS**, Individuals are encouraged to learn about the Hispanic community and to celebrate this month to recognize the contributions that Hispanic individuals have made to our society. Resources can be found on the Village's website; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Senta Plunkett, Village President of Wilmette, Illinois, proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and call upon all people of Wilmette, Illinois, to learn more about various Hispanic communities and to celebrate this month.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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Senta Plunkett  
Village President